

Rabinowitz frustrated in trimming the budget

By GIDION ESHET
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FINANCE MINISTER Yehoshua Rabinowitz will meet this evening with the four Labour rebels in the Knesset Finance Committee to discuss their demand to cut the State budget by IL2b.

The four — Adi Amoral, Zvi Gershuni, Ben-Zion Halton and David Koren — have demanded the cut in order to minimize inflation in 1976, expected to exceed 32 per cent.

These four, together with the Likud and NRP members, have a majority in the Finance Committee and could cause difficulties in approving the budget. However, they are a minority in the Labour parliamentary party where the decision will be taken.

Rabinowitz is expected to tell them that he is in favour of the proposed cut, but thinks there is no way to convince the Cabinet to make it. The main obstacle is understood to be Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, whose ministry stands to lose the most. Ofer's reaction to the proposal cut was, "No dice."

Treasury officials are currently discussing a plan to save IL5b. in the budget, according to one source. This includes IL2b. to be cut from expenditures. The decision on taxes will be taken after the Treasury employees give their response to the Director-General's request to stop sanctions. Their answer will be given today at a meeting in Tel Aviv. (They were meeting in that city last night to determine their stand.)

The sanctions, which started on Tuesday, will forestall any activity on the Value Added Tax (VAT), now scheduled to be imposed next month. However, the threat to postpone VAT does not scare the Treasury. One (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

Israel tells UN to send mediator to the Arabs

By WOLF I. BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Israel's UN Ambassador Haim Herzog suggested to the UN Security Council yesterday that the world body dispatch a mediator to the Arab world to settle intra-Arab problems, rather than waste its time considering Israel's policies in the administered areas.

Herzog was addressing the Council's emergency meeting on Israel's treatment of Arabs in the admin. West Bank, called for by Egypt last week.

Arab delegates continued their deliberations yesterday for a draft resolution condemning Israel, but as of late in the evening, when the Council session resumed, they had not yet come forward with a specific proposal. They were believed to be seeking language which was "moderate" enough to avoid an American veto.

Herzog's proposal for a UN mediator to the Arab world was an obvious reference to the continuing conflict in Lebanon and the more than 18,000 Lebanese Christians and Moslems who have been killed during the past year.

Herzog also attacked Soviet Ambassador Yuriy Malin, who last week charged Israel with "genocide" for the "murder" of Arab demonstrators.

Polish troops still barred

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
JERUSALEM WILL turn down a Polish request for freedom of movement for its logistics units serving with UNDOF, officials said yesterday.

They said that the Poles had made the request at a meeting at the United Nations between Israel's envoy Chaim Herzog and the Polish envoy Mr. Jarlek.

Israel as a rule does not allow access to soldiers of countries with which it has no diplomatic relations. It has made exceptions for the Polish logistics unit on three occasions in the past: twice when transit of units was requested, and once when the outgoing Polish commander asked permission to visit the Christian Holy Places.

But the general rule barring the Poles, and other UN soldiers from countries without relations with Israel, will remain in force, the officials said.

(One obvious and permanent exception is made in the case of General Erskine, the Ghanadon Commander of Unto — the UN Truce Observer Organization, whose headquarters are in Jerusalem.)

Rabin hopeful Syria may soon start move to end belligerency

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that Syria's difficulties with Lebanon were creating changes in Damascus that might lead to a break in the Arab-Israeli stalemate.

He did not elaborate but was apparently referring to the recent cooling of Syrian relations with the PLO and the Soviet Union, while on the other hand improving relations with Jordan. Addressing the Pioneer Women of the U.S., he said he hoped that "Egypt and Syria will agree to start negotiations in 1976 for the achievement of agreements to end the state of war, and there is a hope that we will embark on a course that may lead to more tranquility, more stability and a changing of realities that in the long run may bring about peace."

The Prime Minister said an agreement to end the state of war first with Egypt and Syria, and, at a later stage with Jordan, was the most realistic way to advance toward peace this year.

Speaking at another forum earlier in the day, Premier Rabin said that while he could not state with any certainty that a chance to enter into negotiations with Egypt and Syria indeed existed, the shift in Syria's position was evident — not necessarily vis-a-vis Israel but rather towards the other Arab states and the superpowers.

Rabin told moshav members of the Labour Party that any such shift was very important and "if it were possible today, whether with the help of Saudi Arabia, which is trying to bring Cairo and Damascus closer together, or through the intervention of an international factor — a more moderate superpower — to persuade the two Arab states to negotiate with Israel on ending the state-of-war, I would regard this as the best political development possible in 1976."

However, unless such a development took place this year, Rabin predicted difficult times for 1977, after the U.S. presidential elections. This, he said (in his speech to the Pioneer Women) "is regardless of the kind of Administration that will be there. I am afraid... that the temptation of any new Administration in the U.S. will be to try a

shortcut towards peace, to try to find a solution to overcome all the difficulties in three easy lessons."

Rabin pointed out that "whenever the focus in American diplomacy was on the attempt to achieve an overall settlement, we found ourselves in a confrontation with the U.S. Government."

He noted that Secretary of State Dean Rusk had raised seven points in 1968, which were not acceptable to Israel, but "luckily President Nasser rejected it." In 1969, William Rogers, the next Secretary of State, presented a plan calling for substantial Israeli withdrawals from territories occupied during the 1967 war.

"We reached a better understanding with the U.S. Government when ever it accepted (the notion) that

the best way to pursue peace in the area was through a gradual movement toward peace."

"If the U.S. will decide to embark on an effort to achieve a sharp transition toward total peace, differences of opinion not only on the nature of peace and questions of boundaries but also on the Palestinian issue" will arise, he said.

The Prime Minister therefore called upon Israelis to prepare themselves for 1977 "to be less dependent on outside help, to consume less, to work harder, to expect less in social services... This is going to be the key issue which will decide Israel's ability to cope politically and to make sure that its defence capability will not be reduced."

New atmosphere of trust

By DAVID LANDAU
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THE PREMIER'S remarks regarding Syria seem particularly significant in view of the many reports in recent weeks of tacit Syrian-American-Israeli collaboration in the Lebanese crisis.

According to some of these reports, the extent of Syrian intervention was discussed in advance in diplomatic contacts with the U.S., and, through the U.S., with Israel.

Some political observers in Israel and in the U.S. have wondered whether this collaboration could perhaps result later in Syrian-Israeli settlement talks, under American auspices. Such talks would probably involve Egypt too as the Premier envisioned in his speech yesterday. The agenda would presumably be an end-of-war accord.

This speculation — for at present it is little more than hopeful speculation — assumes that the months of close diplomatic contacts, some of them at the highest

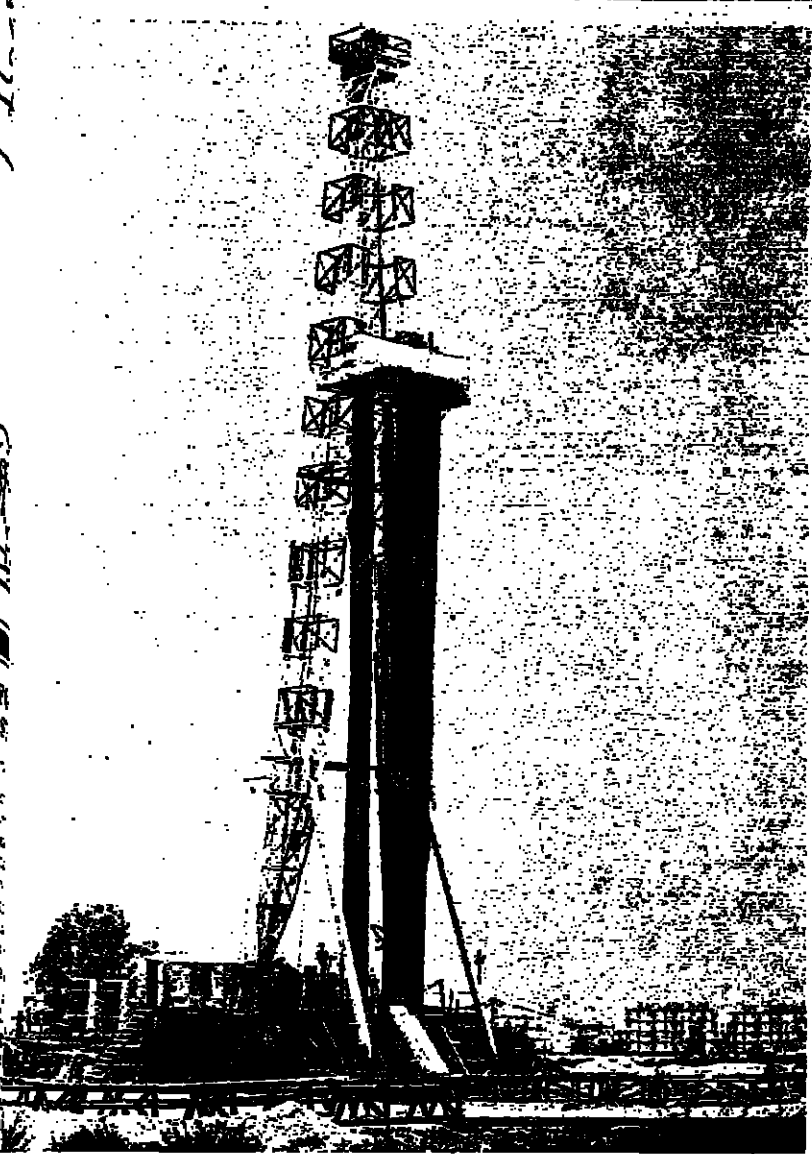
levels, over the Lebanese crisis, have produced a new atmosphere of mutual trust between Damascus and Washington, and, vicariously, between Damascus and Jerusalem.

The fact that Syria acted with restraint in Lebanon, that it acted to preserve the integrity of that country, that it countered extreme leftist designs, has apparently — to judge by Mr. Rabin's remarks — impressed Israeli policymakers.

Until now, Israel and American sources have discouraged such speculation. When Senator Jacob Javits, who recently toured the area, reported on some positive-sounding hints thrown out to him by Syrian President Hafez Assad, Israel and American sources tended to downplay their significance.

But with the situation in Lebanon developing constantly and rapidly, and Syria's role in it becoming increasingly significant, the assessment of possible diplomatic repercussions vis-a-vis Israel could be changing.

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THE DRILLING TOWER at Ashdod II, on the outskirts of the port area, where traces of oil have been found. (SBS)

Oil in Ashdod, but value not yet known

By ZE'EV SCHUL
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TEL AVIV. — Rumours and denials the contrary, there's oil in them sand dunes. A Lapidot crew operating a drill rig at Ashdod II, located on an oil-soaked core specimen from a depth of 2,600 metres on Tuesday.

The managing director of Oil Exploration (Investments), Raphael Adia, warned The Jerusalem Post yesterday against jumping to conclusions, however. The oil dripping he proves nothing except that the chances of eventually finding oil have improved. Similar carbon compounds, which indicate the presence of oil, have been extricated from previous drillings in various parts of the country but later proved to be "dry holes" or commercially unviable.

Nevertheless, the announcement of oil discovery played havoc with oil share prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, pushing up the demand for stocks even marginally on Tuesday. (Report on page 2)

In order to determine more definitely whether oil has, in fact, been found, certain preliminary steps will have to be taken. The core must be analysed at the laboratory, various oil stem tests will have to be carried out, and, finally, the layer of depth of oil-bearing strata — any exists — determined. Some of these steps have already been started.

After all these stages are completed, and assuming that the strata are sufficiently rich and that the oil is fluid enough to justify a decision to proceed with commercial exploitation, the company will have to ascertain the extent of the field.

The facts are that Ashdod I, abandoned recently as a dry hole, is only 800 metres away from the present drilling site, which is located within the southern part of the city limits.

At least four to five more wells will have to be sunk before the company will be able to announce that they have — or do not have — a real commercial oil find on their hands. As it is, the prospects seem bright enough.

Mr. Goldis said that geologists had discovered a "fault" east of Ashdod II. This could be a good sign, since it might have served as a trap to prevent the oil from seeping away as has happened in other parts of the country. He repeated, however, that, at this stage, the oil strike should still be treated cautiously. One other (positive) certainty is that the oil came from an entirely different stratum than what was found at Haifa, and is therefore unrelated to it.

Little additional information was available on drilling operations in other parts of the country, beyond the news that top-ranking geologists had confirmed the extreme likelihood of finding oil in offshore drillings in the Gulf of Suez, probably somewhere in the vicinity of Egypt's Morgan field (a-Tur district).

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40 Steel City men reject transfer, refuse to work

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Steel City's labour troubles flared into open crisis yesterday, when 40 workers refused to transfer from the rolling mill to the foundry, and did no work at all.

Previously, an open conflict had been averted when 34 of the workers, resident in the mill, finally agreed to go over to the foundry — including eight who claimed to be Sabbath observers and unable to do shift work on Saturdays.

But their transfer launched anew a series of charges and countercharges between workers and management, with each blaming the other for Steel City's losing operation. Koor's general manager Meir Amit has said he would rather resign than let the plant go on losing money at the present rate of IL2m. per month.

The 40 workers are understood to be acting on the orders of their works committee and the Acre Labour Council. They did not explain why they refused to go along with the transfer, but it is thought they want the status quo maintained until the Keyser committee, appointed by the Histadrut to study the plant's troubles, comes up with its findings.

The Keyser committee, meanwhile, has set itself no date for completing its work, and Koor is determined to go ahead with reorganization of the plant in line with suggestions by German experts who studied the problem. (A German

firm invested IL100m. in Steel City last year, in new equipment which is producing at half its capacity at present.)

Steel City manager Uri Bar-Ratzen said yesterday the workers failed to carry out management's instructions, "and the company was not likely to pay them wages." He said the firm had filed a notice of labour dispute more than a fortnight ago, and could suspend operations at any moment.

Koor's management in Tel Aviv yesterday sent a letter to the works committee, warning it that its "decision not to assign the workers in accordance with management instructions is a grave breach of the labour agreement," and the committee will be responsible for the consequences.

Secretary Efraim Reiner of Ezerat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company which owns Koor, yesterday asked Histadrut trade union leader Yehoshua Weisbach (Yerusha-Mashed is absorbed) to step in and transfer the handling of Steel City's labour affairs from the local Labour Council — which he said was immature and incapable of coping — to a central agency in the Trade Unions Department.

Only the day before, on Tuesday, the labour council secretary, Yitzhak Haxza (formerly a works committee member at Steel City) said the workers wished to cooperate on a recovery and reorganization scheme, but had a dispute concerning work norms.

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Terrorist bazooka attempt foiled

SECURITY FORCES foiled a terrorist attempt to set off two bazooka rockets in the Eilat valley, east of the satellite relay station, just before Independence Day, it was disclosed yesterday.

A number of Hebron residents were arrested, and one of them, Jaber Hamarah, was remanded for 15 days yesterday by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

It is learned that two rocket launchers, of a U.S. make used by the Jordanian army, were found set to go off outside Moshav Aderet on May 2. They were apparently aimed at the satellite relay station. (Itim)

Ashdod Port accord on container terminal

ASHDOD. — The director-general of the Ports Authority, Aharon Remer, and representatives of the Ashdod Port workers yesterday ended a six-hour meeting by announcing their intention to put the container terminal at the port into operation as soon as possible.

There have been numerous unsuccessful attempts to reactivate the terminal which has been immobilized for a long time due to labour disputes. Yesterday's joint committee also declared both parties hope that a new era of work relations in the port would soon be ushered in. (Itim)

Ford addresses AJC tonight

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ford is scheduled to address the American Jewish Committee tonight, his first major address before an American Jewish organization in many months.

Organizers of the 7th annual meeting of the AJC said yesterday that the President was expected to speak on U.S. policy in the Middle East and U.S.-Israel relations.

The theme of the conference is "critical choices for the American Jewish community at home and abroad."

Leftists hit Sarkis' home and palace

BEIRUT. — Increased fighting in Beirut and country areas yesterday, coupled with a new leftist challenge to Lebanon's President-elect, wreaked any immediate hopes for peace and threatened the future of Syrian mediation efforts.

Leftists and rightist forces exchanged mortar and rocket fire in downtown Beirut, and across confrontation lines in the suburbs. Snipers were active in most suburban areas.

The leftists rained shells on the Christian village of Kabbaleh from Alek, the stronghold of socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt.

Guns also attempted to blow up the home of President-elect Elias Sarkis in the Christian village of Chabaneh, in Mt. Lebanon, but villagers fought them off. The house suffered slight damage.

Artillery units of the rebel Lebanese Arab Army fired seven shells around the presidential palace in Baabda. The shelling was apparently a warning to Sarkis of the danger he faced should he occupy the palace when he takes over from President Suleiman Franjeh. Franjeh himself fled the palace after it was shelled in fighting last month.

Fighting in the Mt. Lebanon area around Metan, scene of heavy battles earlier this week, dropped away to sporadic shelling. But for the first time in weeks, leftists launched a big attack on the eastern Christian city of Zahle.

The Phalangist party radio said rebel army troops, Falah terrorists and other leftists attacked two villages outside Zahle and killed four persons before they were driven off. Jumblatt went to Alek for a review of latest developments in the 13-month-long conflict. The rebel army radio station said the socialist chief would confer with Lebanese Arab Army officers to discuss coordination with the leftist alliance. (UPI)

French emissary to Lebanon again

PARIS. — France is sending peace envoy Georges Gorse on a third mission to Lebanon at the end of this week, it was announced after a cabinet meeting yesterday.

Gorse was with former Premier Maurice Couve de Murville on the first French peace-seeking mission last November. He went alone on a second trip last month. At that time, he saw representatives of all the warring factions in Lebanon.

His new trip is to make contact with the newly elected President, Elias Sarkis, and other Lebanese leaders. (Reuter)

People at Kaddum...

...are the subject of a photo-story by David Rubinger and Moshe Kohn.

David Krivine discusses specific allowances and other perks with two senior Civil Service officials.

Sraya Shapiro recalls the beginnings of the Arab "disturbances" of 1936-39.

Philosophers in conference: Simon Carlsbach reports on the recent international meeting in Jerusalem.

The Israel Museum becomes a national art gallery: Meir Ronnen reports on the Sam and Ayala Zacks Collection.

The weekend Dry Bones.

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ALYAH & ABSORPTION INFORMATION COLUMN

The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption and the Jewish Agency are introducing a series of columns, in a new effort to make the absorption of olim more successful. These articles, which will appear every other Friday, will offer a variety of information: practical advice, reports on changes in regulations, employment and housing opportunities.

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Allon says Egyptian cooperation with PLO will turn clock back

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said today that the renewed cooperation between Egypt and the PLO would turn the clock back to the 19 years before 1967, and to the situation of the Arabs in the areas since 1967 to further its interests in inter-Arab struggles. The Arabs in the areas had enjoyed more individual freedom in the last 19 years than they ever had in the 19 years before 1967, and a lot more than was enjoyed by the citizens of several Arab states — including free and democratic elections. One hundred thousand refugees had left their camps for a new life, and considerable economic progress had been made in the administered areas.

Allon said it was high time the Security Council stopped allowing the PLO, or states like Libya, Egypt and Syria, to summon the Council automatically into session on meaningless topics. It was high time that the big powers stopped the Arabs from transforming the Security Council into an absolute farce.

In his motion, Yedidia Be'eri noted that Egypt had violated the interim agreement 65 times. It had permitted the PLO to resume its broadcasts from Cairo, and it had issued a series of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic statements recently.

Be'eri said Israel should demand that any Arab country signing a peace agreement must undertake to sever its ties with the PLO. The fact of an Arab leader's true intentions towards Israel was not what he said in English, French or German to Westerners, but what he said in Arabic, to his own people.

New Communist Avraham Levenbraun tried in vain to strike the motion off the agenda. Meir Pat'i (Moked) abstained.

It was absurd for the Security Council to ignore the daily slaughter hundreds in the Lebanon as a result of this taking place on an Arab planet, and to devote attention to the administered areas. A fact Egypt had called the Council to its attention in the Arab League for influence in the Arab world. Mr. Allon quoted Damascus eight days ago as describing Egyptian initiative as "a joke, a demonstrative, infantile move designed to flatter the world."

Allon accused the Arab states of using the Arab refugees as a

An apology from the premier

Justice Minister Haim Zadok issued a roundabout apology on behalf of Premier Yitzhak Rabin in the Knesset yesterday for Rabin's caustic reference, in the Alignment Knesset faction on May 3, to Jerusalem magistrate Ruth Or.

(Ruth Or ruled to the government's discomfiture three months ago that Jewish prayer was permissible on the Temple Mount. The Attorney-General is now appealing against her ruling).

Zadok made the apology in reply to a parliamentary question by Yedidia Be'eri (Likud) about Rabin's comment on "strange judgments by Mapam graduates." Zadok said that Rabin had authorized him to state that "his words should not be regarded as though he attached any relevance to the movement or party background of judges, and that when he made his polemical comment he was not aware of the fact that the judgment at which he hinted in his comment was being considered in a pending appeal. The Premier adheres to the principle that judges are completely independent in the discharge of their judicial functions, and he had no intention of casting a slur on the judiciary."



Franz Cardinal Koenig, the Archbishop of Vienna, who is visiting Israel, calls at the pediatric department at Hadassah in Jerusalem. Accompanied by Dr. G. Szabo, he meets an Arab woman from the West Bank and her grandchild, who is recovering from a serious illness. (A. Hazan)

Egged drivers halt buses in pay-cut protest

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bus services in various parts of the country were disrupted for two hours yesterday evening as hundreds of Egged drivers met to protest against the decision of the cooperative's management to accept a 12.500 a month pay cut, proposed by the Ministry of Transport as a means of helping Egged reduce its operating deficit.

Least affected by the meetings were Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and bus traffic between these cities slowed almost normally. Most affected were Holon, Bat Yam, Beersheba, Tiberias, Rehovot, Nazareth, Nahariya and Haifa. The protest meetings which were organized by local "action committees" did not have the official blessing of the Egged management, and attendance varied. However, a spokesman for these committees claimed that the overwhelming majority of Egged members were behind the protests — even if they did not turn out.

Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor said that "the feelings of the members are understandable — no one likes to take a pay cut — but the cut is necessary to help get the cooperative into the black again."

Jaffa riot suspects released on bail

TEL AVIV. — Six Jaffa men who were arrested on Monday on suspicion of participating in a riot to forcibly prevent the demolition of two illegally constructed buildings were brought before a magistrate here yesterday and released on 112,500 bail each.

A police representative told Judge Yitzhak Raviv that the six — all members of the Maronite community — had hurled stones at policemen sent to quell the riot, injuring several of them and causing damage to police vehicles.

Histadrut 'no' to visit by Pretoria union men

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut has indicated to leaders of the South African Confederation of Labour that they will not be welcome here. After last month's visit by South Africa's Prime Minister, John Vorster, the honorary secretary of South Africa's Labour federation, C.F. Grobler, wrote to the Histadrut that two trade union leaders wanted to visit Israel as guests of the Histadrut, on their way to the convention of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva, in June.

The Histadrut Central Committee decided early this week to reply that such a visit would be "inopportune" as the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (of which the Histadrut is a member) limits contacts with non-members. The South African Confederation does not belong to ICFU.

One Histadrut leader said he feared the Histadrut "would be accused of hypocrisy" if it played host to South Africans, because "we were one of the proponents of the anti-Apartheid drive in ICFU." The Histadrut also feared Israeli enemies would exploit the ties with South Africa politically.

The Histadrut has maintained links with trade unions in several African countries despite the severing of diplomatic ties. It fears that the Vorster visit and reports of closer ties with South Africa will have a negative effect among Africans.

The Histadrut boycotted all receptions for Vorster during his visit here, and later wrote to the ICFU that it remained faithful to the decision condemning Apartheid. Copies of the letter were distributed among African trade unions.

The Council's Agricultural Committee will visit Israel at the end of this month to study the country's development problems and achievements, Mr. Ben-Aharon said.

Kreisky tells Ben-Aharon: 'No Jewish problem and Zionism is no solution'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Austria's Jewish Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, does not believe there is a "Jewish problem" but if one did exist Zionism does not provide a universal solution for it. This was reported yesterday by Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Labour M.K., who held a 90-minute conversation with Mr. Kreisky at the Council of Europe session in Strasbourg earlier this month.

Mr. Ben-Aharon, who attended the session as an observer together with Likud M.K. Avraham Schechterman, said Mr. Kreisky's basic position regarding the Middle East conflict, however, was the same as that of most West European statesmen. Israel's sovereignty must be firmly upheld, but the right of the Palestinians for their own land should also be respected.

Despite Mr. Kreisky's "non-Zionist" convictions, Mr. Ben-Aharon said, the Austrian leader was deeply impressed with Israeli achievements in developing their country. He is also impressed by the "new type of Jew" Israel has produced, as exemplified by his nephew, an officer in the IDF, who visited his uncle recently.

At the Strasbourg session, the Europeans were obviously moved by feelings of guilt in acknowledging the debt they owe to their former colonies — the developing nations, said Mr. Ben-Aharon. The Council was united in pledging to help the underdeveloped have-not nations. Israel was mentioned as an example of successful development, and his colleague, Mr. Schechterman, delivered a lecture on Israeli development at the plenary session.

Capital got water in nick of time

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of Jerusalemites almost had a dry morning yesterday. Two of the city's reservoirs, which between them hold more than half the city's water reserves, were totally dry Tuesday afternoon. Only because of speedy action by Mekorot, following an outcry by city water officials, was sufficient water pumped up to the city during the night to ward off a crisis yesterday morning.

"If we hadn't screamed when we did," said a city official yesterday, "thousands of families in the central part of the city would have been without water today."

According to municipal officials the national water company cut back on its supply to Jerusalem in recent days because it had taken a stretch of pipeline out of commission to reline its interior. "This is the sort of work you do in the rainy season," said a municipal official, "not in May, when the demand for water is increasing."

Mekorot officials could not be reached for comment.

The municipal official berated Mekorot for working on the narrowest of margins in its supply of water to the capital. A breakdown in a pump or any other routine mishap could result in an immediate crisis.

A new 33-inch water pipeline to Jerusalem was supposed to have been put into operation last month, but pump difficulties have put off the opening to a date as yet unannounced.

The reservoirs which emptied on Tuesday were those at Bayit Vegan and Romema, which normally contain between them 110,000 of the 200,000 cubic metres of water in the city's reservoirs.

To the Earthquake Victims with Friendship and Love

The Italian people helped Jewish refugees on their way to Israel after World War II.

The Italian people have suffered an earthquake and we will help them with love and thanks.

Vivoli Italian Ice Cream (Kikar Machei Yisrael) will contribute the proceeds of its sales on Thursday, May 13, for the purchase of medicines for the Udine earthquake survivors.

Demonstrate solidarity with the earthquake victims on Thursday, from 9 in the morning till midnight.

SOCCER PREVIEW / PAUL KOHN

Top teams expected to win at home

TEL AVIV. — The League pace-setters, Beersheba Hapoel and Jerusalem Betar, both play home games this Saturday and appear likely to consolidate their first and second places in the National League.

This will be Jerusalem Betar's third consecutive home match. In the previous two they trounced Netanya Maccabi and Jerusalem Hapoel. A repeat performance by Maccabi, Levy, Neuman and Co. of that given last week in the derby against Hapoel should see Betar safely through against Ramat Gan Hakoah at the YMCa ground. A reminder, though, to Betar fans: Hakoah have not conceded a goal in their last five League games.

Beersheba Hapoel's forwards have been shy in shooting in their recent games, and their supporters will be expecting better scoring. Petah Tikva Hapoel are not an easy team to beat, and last week held Netanya Maccabi to a 0:0 in Netanya. However if Barad, Avitan and Abusigal can find something of their best form in attack they should have the edge in Beersheba.

Haifa Hapoel, currently in third place, return to their home ground in Kiryat Haim this Saturday and should be too good for Hadera Hapoel. Jerusalem Hapoel travel to the narrow confines of Ramat Amikdar ground, a fact that must upset their game. The Jerusalem defence of Ali Othman, Tashma and Alkoby should be good enough to hold the Ramat Amikdar Maccabi forwards, but with Ben Rimeg, Ben David and Buzaglo not at their best, the side is not likely to get many goals. A draw looks a likely result.

Two local derbies will be played at the Bloomfield Stadium, where

fans will want to see if Tel Aviv Betar can maintain their winning streak against Jaffa Maccabi. Certainly Betar, under coach Reuven Young, have a new enthusiasm, having shot up the League table from near bottom to 5th place. But now it is Jaffa Maccabi who are struggling to get out of the relegation zone, and a determined showing may enable the Jaffaites to split the points.

Tel Aviv Maccabi play Bnei Yehuda from the Hatikva Quarter. Although Tel Aviv were beaten by Hakoah last week, a return to the wider spaces of Bloomfield should bring forth an improved showing from Oz, Talbi, Peretz, Nimni and Co. I doubt that even the individual skills of Ehud Ben Tovim will be good enough to win Bnei Yehuda any points.

An interesting clash in League A will be between Ramat Gan Hapoel and Acre Hapoel, in Ramat Gan. The ambitious Acre side, which for several seasons has just failed to gain promotion to the National League — and only some weeks ago led by nine clear points — now suddenly finds itself only two points ahead of Netanya Betar and three in front of Ramat Gan Hapoel. A hard-fought match can be anticipated with promotion at stake.

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Zim fights U.S. line's competition on Iran run

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim is engaged in a battle to prevent a New York company, Star Line, from opening a roll-on roll-off freight service from Baltimore to Iran via Haifa.

The new line is scheduled to start operating at the end of May, with the 15,000 freighter Puerto Rico playing the route to Bandar Shapur. The company plans to put additional ships on if the route proves itself.

But a Zim representative told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that his company was taking "legitimate steps" to protect its own trade routes against encroachment by a foreign company. Star Line's management includes an Israeli, Dr. Yoram Ahnert, son of the Jewish Agency's Executive Chairman — who was Zim's deputy general manager before he left the country two years ago.

Zim has been running a regular service to Persia, including Bandar Shapur, for some time. The representative confirmed that, among other steps, Zim has notified its clients that it would not take their cargoes if they choose "to give the gravy to an outsider."

The Puerto Rico, which has already made three sailings from Baltimore to Persia without calling in Haifa, has a big advantage over conventional cargo ships. These are now forced to wait for up to two or three months in the Persian ports, which are badly congested by a great volume of petrol-dollar imports. The roll-on roll-off ships are given priority, and are able to discharge within two days, thus saving the cargo owners the high extra costs of demurrage charges — which can be as high as 60-80 per cent of the total freight costs.

The Zim representative said his company had overcome the congestion problem by anchoring barges off the Persian ports, into which incoming Zim ships could discharge their cargoes without having to wait.

HANNA KAPLAN of the Nature Protection Society has been awarded Tel Aviv's "Tidiness Plaque" for helping to organize pre-Pessah clean-up campaigns around town, and particularly for mobilizing hundreds of schoolchildren to take part in the campaign.

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UN unit adopts softer anti-racism motion

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UNITED NATIONS. — Black African nations on Tuesday successfully staged an Algeria-led drive to revive charges of racism against Israel at the UN Economic and Social Council.

The council adopted a watered-down resolution supporting the black Africans' principal UN project for their struggle against the white minority regimes of southern Africa, in a "decade of action against racism."

But it remained uncertain if the action by the 54-nation body was sufficient to restore Western support for the project, and to win UN financial backing for an international conference on racism in Ghana.

The Western nations withdrew their support from the UN programme last November after an Arab-inspired Third World majority pushed through a General Assembly resolution declaring Zionism is a form of racism and thus making Israel a target of the decade.

The vote in the council on Tuesday was 40-1 with nine abstentions. Canada cast the only negative vote.

The U.S., which has repeatedly declared that it feels so strongly about the anti-Zionism resolution that it could no longer support the decade, did not participate in the voting.

U.S. ambassador William Scranton told the Council last month that the U.S. could not reconsider its position unless all references to the Zionism resolution were dropped from the decade documents.

Algeria, backed by Communist

Turkey raps 'oppression' of Palestinians

ISTANBUL. — Turkish Premier Suleyman Demirel opened the seventh Islamic foreign ministers conference here yesterday by condemning the "oppression and distress" of the Palestinians and Turkish Cypriots.

"Neither peace nor justice can be attained by ignoring the oppression and distress which the Palestinian Arab people and the Turkish Cypriot Moslem community have been subjected to through the years," he told the 41-member conference.

Foreign ministers or their representatives from 40 Moslem countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization are attending.

Referring to the "deep historical bonds" between Moslem states, Demirel said there was no reason that cooperation in all fields between them should not yield "a future richer than the heritage of history."

The Premier condemned "racial discrimination in Africa, invasion and annexation of Arab territories in the Middle East through the use of force, and changing the status of holy Jerusalem through unilateral acts."

At last year's conference in Jeddah, Turkey volunteered to hold this year's meeting and two days ago announced it would become a full member of the conference group.

Through this strategy, Turkey has succeeded for the first time in placing the Cyprus question as a separate issue on the agenda of the conference. (Turkey maintains diplomatic relations with Israel.) (Reuter, AP)



A jubilant Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Frank Church and his wife Bethline (right) smile after he defeated Jimmy Carter in the Nebraska primary yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

U.S. asks Angola to show it will oust Cuban troops

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. Government has asked Angola to delay its application for UN membership, U.S. officials said yesterday.

It was understood that the U.S. had made clear to the Angolans that it would veto such an application unless Angola showed signs that it was ready to rid the country of some 17,000 Cuban troops.

A spokesman for the U.S. Mission here issued a terse statement that said:

"The continued presence of Cuban troops would be an important factor in assessing Angola's application. It is well known that the President has expressed deep concern about the presence of the Cuban troops in Angola."

The former Portuguese colony formally requested admission to the world organization in a letter signed by President Agostinho Neto on April 22. The Security Council was scheduled to meet on the Angolan application Tuesday afternoon, but it was postponed indefinitely on the ground that the U.S. delegation lacked instructions from Washington.

U.S. sources said "speed in moving Angola's application is not an important factor." He noted that even if Angola's application were approved by the 15-nation Council, it still has to be endorsed by the General Assembly which does not meet until mid-September. (AP)

New tremors Jo Grimond shake Italy will lead UK Liberals

UDINE, Italy. — Strong new tremors shook quake-ravaged north-eastern Italy yesterday, triggering landslides and knocking down buildings in towns already devastated by six days of shocks. Collapsing walls injured at least 10 people.

The national police headquarters in Rome and local officials said they knew of no deaths caused by the new tremors, but were checking Italian news agency reports that four persons were missing and believed buried under rubble.

In Gemona, a town of 6,000 in the foothills of the Alps near this provincial capital, a police captain and another man were trapped by falling debris, but both were dug out.

Also in Gemona, the new tremors levelled old stone houses and completely destroyed the town's fine arts palace, heavily damaged by previous tremors.

U.S. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller is due in the disaster area today, dispatched by President Ford, who also asked Congress for \$25m. for earthquake relief funds.

The relief coordination commission in Udine said 870 bodies had been recovered so far from the rubble of 24 towns and villages hit by the quake. It said 1,515 persons were injured.

The Udine prefecture unofficially counted the dead at 914 and said the final toll should soar beyond 1,000 with 400 persons still missing. (AP)

LONDON. — Jo Grimond, 62, a statesman and former leader of Britain's small middle-of-the-road Liberal Party, agreed yesterday to take on the leadership for a second time in a bid to heal party wounds.

But he said he will do so only until machinery for election of a permanent leader for the party is agreed on.

Grimond's decision followed unanimous invitation of the other Liberal Members of Parliament and the smallest of Britain's three political parties was plunged into turmoil by the sudden resigning of former party chief Ian Thorpe, 47, in a homosexual scandal on Monday.

With three of Thorpe's lieutenants set to do battle for job, Liberal party leaders again to Grimond in the hope could cut short the threatened struggle for the succession.

Grimond announced his acceptance at the end of a 3 1/2-hour meeting of Liberal party Members of Parliament and other party leaders in House of Commons.

Grimond was Liberal leader 11 years from 1956. He quit in 1966 to make way for a younger man and Thorpe succeeded him. (U)

Arabs walk out on Israeli at Unctad

NAIROBI. — All 20 members of the Arab League boycotted Israel's speech to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) yesterday.

Seven Arab League countries' delegates walked out, while those of 13 others did not appear for the afternoon session.

Uganda, Yugoslavia and North Korea were among other countries which walked out.

In his speech, Dr. Meir Gahal, Director-General of the Israel Justice Ministry, did not refer to

political issues. He reviewed economic problems that supported Third World demands for more control over the world's wealth, and emphasized that poor nations needed more aid from developed countries.

Earlier, Egypt urged the UN conference to support the Palestinians in their fight against Israel.

"We must remember those people who are still suffering under the colonialist yoke in Africa and occupied Palestine," Egyptian State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Fouad Sharif told the conference. (UPI, Reuter)

Senate panel votes to link aid to nuclear controls

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday agreed unanimously that all U.S. military and economic aid should be halted to any nation that either supplies or receives nuclear enrichment or reprocessing equipment and refuses international controls.

But the aid ban would not be applied to any humanitarian aid designed to alleviate suffering from natural disasters or famine.

The action represented a victory for retiring Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Missouri), who recently has waged a strong personal battle to check the spread of nuclear weapons.

Symington, author of the legislation — an amendment to the Foreign Assistance and Military Sales Acts — said such transfers have been giving some nations the means to develop nuclear weapons while avoiding international safeguards and controls.

He called nations that sell such nuclear capability to other nations "merchants of death," who sold such knowledge for profit.

"I think the most damaging single development to the security of the world, without any doubt, was the uranium enrichment agreement between Germany and Brazil," Symington told committee members. "Other people are being offered similar deals by the French," he said.

Symington said a group of scientists told him recently that because of proliferation of nuclear weapons "a nuclear war before the turn of the century was not a possibility, it was a probability."

The Symington legislation would penalize both the supplier and recipient of nuclear reprocessing enrichment equipment, materials technology, "unless they place such technology under multilateral auspices and management, as well as apply international safeguards to all materials included in transaction."

By taking such a stand, Symington said, the U.S. would tell nations: "If you wish to take dangerous and costly steps necessary to achieve a nuclear weapon, you cannot expect the U.S. to help underwrite that effort directly or indirectly." (U)

'Three Arab terrorist gangs now in Europe'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

LONDON. — Scotland Yard has alerted the police throughout Britain, and especially at ports and airfields, following reports that three Arab terrorist gangs are at large in Europe. One report says that Carlos, "the jackal," the Venezuelan terrorist, is with one gang.

The reports say that the murder of the Bolivian ambassador in Paris on Tuesday was perpetrated by one of the terrorist groups. It is also speculated that they will try something spectacular in a "vengeance raid" to signify the suicide of anarchist Uribe Meinhof in her German prison cell on Sunday.

Carlos Ramirez gained notoriety after British police found arms caches and death lists involving hundreds of prominent British Jews and non-Jewish public figures last year in a London hideaway. He also took part in the Opec hijack incident at Christmas. Carlos was last sighted in Libya, the only place which gave a refuge to the Opec hijack crew. The Gaddafi regime is considered the main backers of his terrorist group. Meinhof was especially close to the Marxist wing of the FLO, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine of Dr. Huhah, and trained in their camps in Jordan before King Hussein closed them. The PFLP has admitted that Carlos was involved in its overseas activities.

In Glasgow, yesterday, hundreds of police, some armed, guarded the

Conductor Kempe dead at 65

ZURICH. — German orchestra conductor Rudolf Kempe, who had been receiving hospital treatment in Zurich, died here last night aged 65, a spokesman for his family said.

Kempe, principal conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra in London, as well as the Munich Philharmonic, was a leading exponent of the operas of Richard Strauss. (Reuter)

Iceland gunboat fires at UK fishing trawler

LONDON. — An Icelandic gunboat opened fire across the bows of an unarmed British trawler and attempted to board her in a sharp escalation of the "cod war" between the two nations yesterday, the government said.

Officials of the Defence and Agriculture ministries said the Icelandic gunboat Aegir fired the warning at the trawler Primella fishing for cod off the east coast of Iceland.

But, they said, Primella ignored the Aegir's order to stop and set off southward at high speed when the Aegir launched a boarding party.

The Defence Ministry said two Royal Air Force Nimrod reconnaissance planes flew to the scene and the frigate Lowestoft was ordered to head to the Primella's aid.

Since last year Icelandic gunboats, seeking to enforce Iceland's unilateral 200-mile fishing limit, have been harassing the British codfishing fleet. (UPI)

Nice Mayor deplors insult to Israeli


PARIS. — Jacques Medecin, Mayor of Nice and the French Government's Secretary of State for Tourism, has apologized to an Israeli diplomat after he was requested the director of the National Dr. Centre in Nice to refrain making a speech there.

Medecin said he was "terribly dismayed and outraged" by the incident in which in Moroccan Dr. Minister Plenipotentiary at the Israeli Embassy in Paris, was requested by the Centre's director to make a speech at a celebratory honour of Israel's 25th anniversary.

SPILL. — A Spanish tanker carrying 110,000 tons of crude oil plied yesterday as it entered Coruna harbour in Spain. Authorities feared the oil would cause an ecological disaster. (U)

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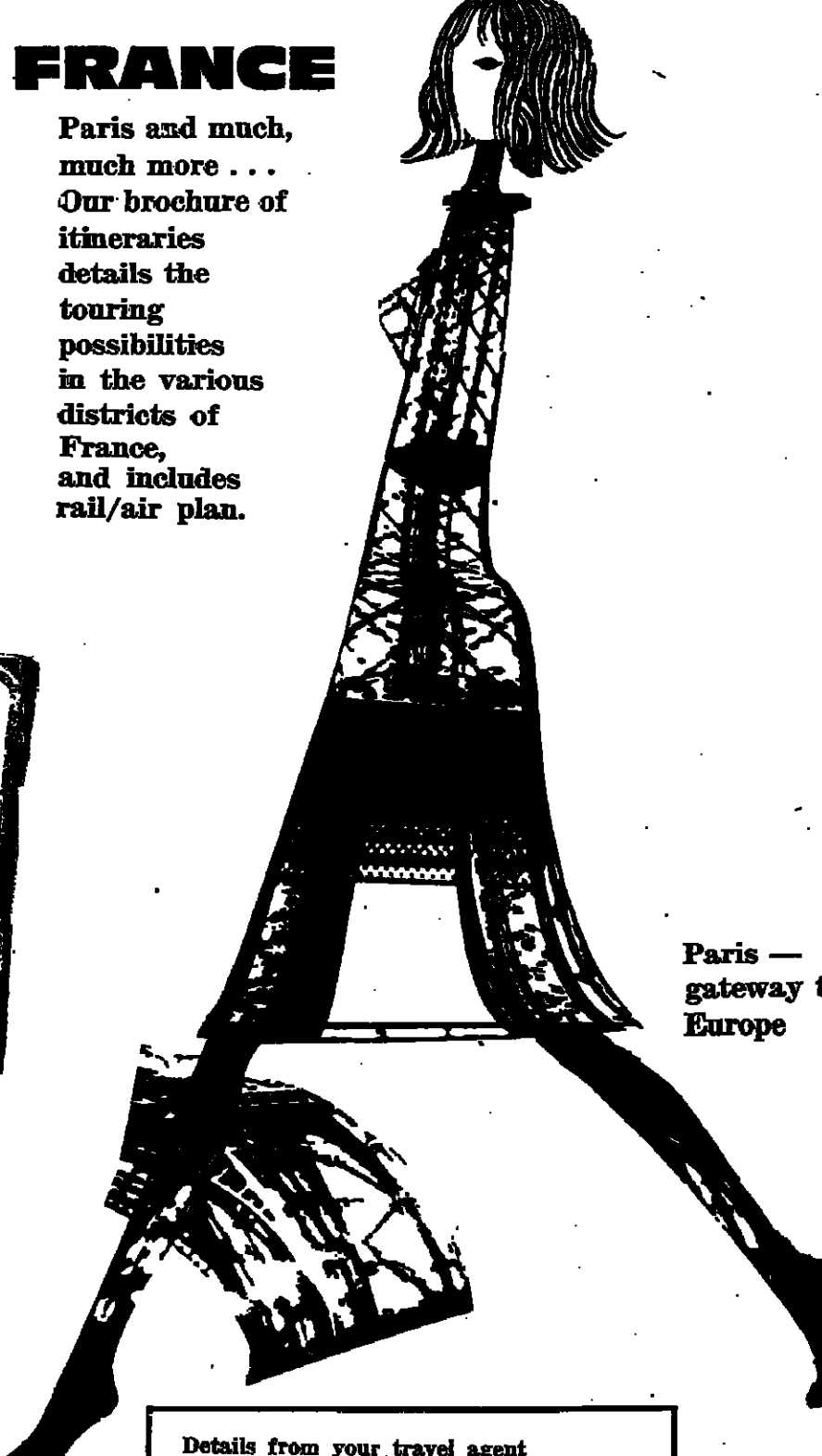
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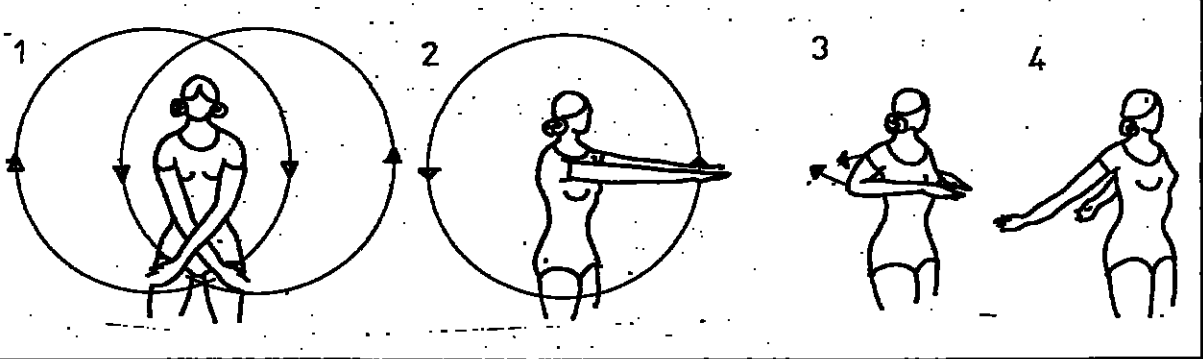
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Varda Ginsburg, 31, Tel Aviv elementary school teacher and mother of two, displays the still life painting, which won her second prize at the 15th Annual contest of amateur painters and sculptors sponsored by ZOA House and the Tel Aviv Municipality. More than 200 amateur artists from every part of the country participated in the event. First prize, for a semi-abstract sculpture, was won by Ramat Gan resident Mrs. Lili Rosenberg, 75, a survivor of Auschwitz.



SHORT SLEEVES are definitely in, as of the last week or two, but there are still a few weeks before the heat forces us to go sleeveless. So you have time for a few exercises to help improve less than perfect arms. Most readers seem to be especially worried about the inner arm, and these exercises deal mainly, but not exclusively, with this area.

1. Stand with your feet apart. Swing your arms above your head rapidly in a wide circle. Begin by crossing your arms in front of you, then bring them upward in front of your face, straight above your head, and down to your sides. Back to starting position to complete one circle. Do 10 swings in this direction, then change direction, (cross your arms in front of you, and to the sides and upward, crossed in front of your face and down to starting position). At all times during this exercise spread your arms as wide as you can, ten-

Figure it out / Judie Oron

Getting your arms in trim

2. Do 10 arm circles by bringing your arms straight above your head, then behind you, down at your sides, straight out in front of you, and above your head again to complete the first circle. While you are doing this, keep your arms and fingers tense and straight. Now do 10 circles in the opposite direction.

3. Hold your arms in front of you, elbows bent, at the level of your

Bring your elbows back as far as you can twice, keeping your elbows as high as possible at the same time, then back to starting position. Repeat 10 times. Work up gradually to 15 times. This exercise has the added advantage of firming and reducing the area around the outside of the bust.

4. Begin as in exercise 3 with your arms at the level of your bust, elbows bent. Fling your arms backward twice, straightening them and keeping them at the same level as your bust. Bring your arms back to starting position and repeat 10 times. Increase gradually to 10 times.

For speedier results, repeat the series again later in the day. Do them to music if you find them boring. Measure your upper arms and across your chest (at the level of your armpits) when you first begin, and again in six weeks.

The Jerusalem Players: Shimon Bekman, harpsichord; Wendy Kleser, flute; Daniel Finkler, viola; Samson, violin; Paul Schlosman, oboe; recorder; Marcia Zevini, cello; with Gili Grossmeyer, soprano (TRMA Auditions, May 9). Music by Mozart, Schubert, Purcell, Legend, Handel, Aristed, D. Gabrieli, Monteverdi.

A NEW ENSEMBLE, consisting of five immigrants — three Americans and two Russians, presented music from the 17th century, and very early 18th century (Handel and Aristed). The works chosen were mostly unknown, and some were quite charming in musical content. Changing instrumental combinations provided variety in sound though hardly in style. However the first part of the programme was on the short side, while the second had

IMMIGRANT METTLE

MUSIC
YOHANAN BOHEM

too many four movement sonatas. As they were fairly similar in style this was rather tiring. Even the vocal contribution was on the heavy and sad side. In general, the choice was obviously made to give all participants an opportunity to show their mettle — which they did splen-

dilly — but it was rather hard on the audience.

The outstanding performance of the evening came from Gili Grossmeyer, who was not only in fine voice throughout but had chosen some lovely examples of vocal music. Four 17th century English songs, scored with flute and recorder, only, and some Purcell music were most beautifully rendered, demonstrating Miss Grossmeyer's flexibility and her talent for characterization. In the closing Aria by D. Gabrieli and a Madrigal by Monteverdi her sense of style and lack of ostentation resulted in marvellously controlled phrases of great beauty.

An encouraging beginning for the new group, but future programmes might be pruned judiciously for the benefit of the listener.

Backing in

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The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3♠	Pass	4♠	5♠
Pass	Pass	5♠	6♠
Pass	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Don't ask why South passed at his first opportunity to bid. Surely with his unusual distribution he expected other bidding around the table and decided to delay entering the auction. It was hardly a normal decision. But who wants to be normal in bridge? West also went in for high jinks. His three spade bid was intended to limit the hand. Some limit! Of course East went to game. He hardly expected such a lack in his partner's hand.

Now came the delayed reaction — five hearts — with a hope (?)

of being doubled. Perhaps he would lose less this way than allowing his opponents to make four spades if they could. Or perhaps South could even make his contract.

But East competed with five spades!! South decided that he had better bid the slam. Did he hope to make it? All this was not according to any system, but it produced this story of backing in at the five level!

The opening lead of a spade was won by the ace and the club king was returned. The declarer won the club lead with the ace and cashed the ace of hearts. He now had two entries to the dummy. He led to the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond, led the heart seven to the heart 10, preserving the lowly heart three, and again ruffed a diamond. With the good luck of capturing the king and queen of diamonds he could now play the heart three to the four and discard his two losing clubs on the diamond. Well! Well! Small slam made.

Yitzhak Oked / Jerusalem Post Reporter

Battling the 'sharav' with negative ions

serotonin, a brain chemical essential to normal functioning, but which in excess may possibly result in depression and headaches. (There are other results, but we are dealing here only with headaches.) This discovery brought about the development of what has been termed "anti-fog" pills, which seem to control the over-production of serotonin.

These wind-related ailments are often felt in advance. Israeli scientists found that certain patients experienced headaches, respiratory difficulties and other discomforts ten hours to two days before meteorological equipment verified the presence of the *hamamim*. The late Dr. Nathan Robinson, of the Haifa Technion, suggested that this internal "early warning system" in certain weather-sensitive persons was brought about by a change in the electrical balance of the atmosphere — an increase in the proportion of atoms or groups of atoms (called ions) carrying a positive rather than a negative charge. Some scientists are inclined to believe that negative ions are beneficial, making you feel cheerful and fit, while positive ions sap your strength and morale. Most

of the time, on "normal days," the negative and positive ions balance each other out.

If this is true, then one theory worth checking is whether the Soviets might have bombarded the American Embassy in Moscow with microwaves and billions of positive ions to induce lethargy in American diplomats.

THE THEORY of negative and positive ions resulted in the development of negative ion-producing machines. An instrument of this kind has been developed commercially here. Made by Amcor and called Imotron, it supplies negative electricity to the atmosphere to counteract the excess of *sharav*-induced positive ions.

I have been trying out this machine on a trial basis for the past couple of months. I use it only during the night while I am asleep, and find that it gives me complete relief when I use the instrument and take a pill before I go to sleep.

Mr. Aldo Osterman, Imotron sales manager, and Yitzhak Hazoni, one of the engineers who developed the instrument at Ampa, told The

Jerusalem Post that they did not understand why this instrument had not become more popular in Israel. They explained that most of these instruments go for export to Europe, where they are snapped up.

My personal belief is that the Israelis are more sceptical than the Europeans. Since ions — positive or negative — cannot be seen, why put their trust in it?

Just the same, Mr. Osterman explained, they are trying out the instruments locally for varied uses, not only for those suffering from headaches and respiratory ailments. In the larger instrument they have added a fan and an air purifier which could be used in industrial plants. For an extra charge, other appliances, such as air conditioners and TV sets will carry an Imotron as part of the unit. "Yes, a TV set!" he said. "After all, research has proved that Israelis sit quite a few hours watching TV."

There are, of course, scientists and doctors who believe neither that positive ions can cause headaches nor that negative ion instruments can offer relief. We were told by scientists at the Tel Hashomer Bioclimatology Heller Institute, for instance, that the reaction in certain weather-sensitive people comes from the drastic change in temperatures (five or more degrees). They claim, moreover, that sometimes the presence of excessive positive ions occurs before the *sharav* and disappears by its start, while at times it comes at the end of the *sharav* or even in the middle.

Post Reporter Philip Gillon writes about immigrants who helped themselves.

GET-TOGETHER

last year, reached IL2,734,000. The budget for this year is a further IL650,000.

"The money is given in the form of long-term, interest-free, unlinked loans," explained Mr. Gabbay. "We hope that the students will repay when and if they can, either before they graduate or afterwards, at their own pace, and at their own option. We never take any action to recover outstanding debts. The astonishing thing is how seldom we have to write off loans as irrecoverable. The students pay back IL20, IL30, IL100, whatever they can afford. Last year we got back IL42,000; this year we're budgeting for IL125,000."

There are now 300,000 Israelis of Iraqi origin and theirs can be rated a major success story in immigration. The community came "On the Wings of an Eagle," as the romantics used to write, during the mass immigration of the early 'fifties: most of them, including Mr. Gabbay, went straight into *ma'abarot*. He shared a wooden shack with his parents and five sisters, but they had brought a

little money, and managed to buy a small apartment in Ramat Gan.

"The main characteristic of our community," he said, "was its passion for education. Some had already been educated in Iraq. Here we have turned out accountants, doctors, engineers, businessmen, builders; many of us work in banks or the civil service."

For the most part, the community stayed together up till a decade ago. Iraqis tended to marry Iraqis. Among the new generation there is now a tendency for many to intermarry with Ashkenazim. There is some sense of identification with other Sephardim; for example, if there is money available in the Scholarship Fund, and in a particular year there have not been enough applications from Iraqi students, scholarships will be given to students from North Africa.

ONE OF THE stupid clichés we used to hear in Israel — it has dropped out of conversation since the last two wars — is that so-and-so are good immigrants and so-and-so are bad im-

migrants. David Ben-Gurion used to insist that all immigrants are good. He was obviously right. The immigrant brings a nervous energy and drive that a country like Israel turns into massive sources of production. On any test, even those applied by the cliché-mongers, the Iraqis must be considered good immigrants. And their Scholarship Fund is a remarkable achievement: I have long been struck by the spiritual values for any community in fund-raising — it is the major cement for a group.

With these considerations in mind, I assumed that the get-together would be a meeting of a mutual admiration society: I have attended similar gatherings of South Africans and Rumanians, where I have heard from the speakers how wonderful these communities are, and how great has been their contribution to Israel. But not here: all the speakers proceeded to upbraid the community for not doing more. Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said that he would ignore the custom of commending the achievements of the past; they had to think of the gaps between the haves and the have-nots, and to ask themselves whether they were doing enough to close the social, economic, educational and emotional gaps between the communities. His answer was clearly that they were not.

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